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1. A typical ration for Soviet officers and civilian employees in ISU #23 was as follows:

25X1 Breakfast: Macaroni with meat, tea with sugar, black and white bread.

25X1 Dinner: Cabbage soup or borschch, macaroni with meat or soup with meat or meat with potatoes, one roll, fruit.

25X1      Supper:      Two sardines, or a piece of herring, meat with vermicelli or meatless  
broth, tea with sugar and bread.

25X1 The portions were very small and did not satisfy one's appetite. Many officers requested second helpings and sometimes were successful in obtaining them. Officers also bought additional food at their club. All meat was pork [redacted] [redacted] received cocoa about three times in the eight or nine months [redacted] but no coffee. Officer 25X1 [redacted] received better food on holidays, e.g., headcheese, pirozhki (pastry rolls with chopped meat), pork sausages. Officers and civilians paid 150 East Marks monthly for their food.

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## 2. EM in ISU #23 received the following rations:

Breakfast: Kasha (porridge) with small pieces of meat, black bread, tea with sugar.

Dinner: Cabbage soup or borshch or broth with meat, potatoes or cabbage, black bread.

Supper: Cabbage and a piece of herring or broth with meat, tea with sugar, black bread.

On Sundays EM received white bread and on holidays they were given white bread plus larger portions of food.

Clothing

3. [redacted] complete sets of naval uniforms in Astrakhan /4621N-4803E/, for a nominal price, with clothing coupons which were issued to naval officers only and were valid for the period indicated. Following is a description [redacted]

<u>Article</u>	<u>Coupons Issued for</u>	<u>Cost</u>
One Parade Set - Double breasted black serge jacket, black trousers	two years	2000 rubles
One Service Uniform - Dark navy gabardine blouse, black trousers	two years	1500 rubles
One Summer Uniform - White moleskin blouse with white moleskin and black wool trousers	two years	250 rubles
One Work Uniform - Dark blue cotton blouse and trousers	two years	200 rubles
One Winter Overcoat - black wool	three years	1800 rubles
One Spring Coat (light weight)	three years	1000 rubles
One Cap	three years	250 rubles
One Caracul Winter Hat	three years	350 rubles
One Pair of Leather Gloves	three years	100 rubles
One Pair of Summer Gloves	three years	30 rubles
Two Pairs of Boots	two years	300 rubles per pair
One Pair of Shoes	one year	250 rubles
Two White Shirts	one year	150 rubles each
Two Black Ties	three years	20 rubles each
Two Sets of Summer Underwear	one year	120 rubles per set

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Article	Coupons Issued for	Cost
Two Sets of Winter Underwear	one year	150 rubles per set
Stripes for jacket sleeves		60 rubles per set
Emblem for naval hat		120 rubles

4. [redacted] as of 1947, all officers paid for their uniforms by monthly payroll deductions. The cost of the above itemized outfit was 8000 rubles ready-made; [redacted] custom-tailored at a cost of 12000 rubles to insure better fit.

RMM Equipment

5. All of the following equipment was German made:

Trucks: Two diesel three-ton Mercedes  
One three-ton International  
Three four to five ton (make unspecified)  
One Maybach tracked vehicle

Cars: One pre-war BMW [redacted]

Tractors: LEITZ-BULLDOG

Trailers: Four four-ton capacity  
Two 10-ton capacity  
One 30-ton capacity

Cranes: One 16-ton capacity mobile crane  
Three 2½ to five-ton capacity electric mobile cranes  
Two 15-ton capacity cranes  
Two up to three-ton capacity small cranes

Lathes, transformers, compressors and other machinery

Fifty concrete mixers varying in capacity from 150 to 500 liters.

Two earth augers, tractor mounted.

Two or three excavators.

These excavators were used in the construction of the Berlin Canal.

Six air compressors.

These air compressors were in storage on blocks.

One air compressor.

One timber sawing frame.

One saw mill.

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6. ISU #23 used the following foreign made equipment on the Berlin Canal Construction job:

One three-ton International truck (German)  
 One Ford compressor (US made)  
 Two Chevrolet sedans (US made)  
 Two US made three-ton Studebakers  
 US made electric motors / quantity unknown  
 German rollers, reppers, cement mixers, waggonettes, cranes,  
 compressors, lathes and a German 200 ton ferry.

The performance of the Studebakers, because of their front and rear drives, was better than that of the ZIS-5 trucks.

#### Post Exchange in Leipzig

7. The following items were sold in the PX in Leipzig:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Origin</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Sausage	Germany	Kg - 20 East Marks
Meat - loose and canned	Germany	Unk
Fish - loose and canned	Germany	100 gr - 1.50 East Marks
Canned Polish fish	Poland	Unk
Cheese	Germany	Unk
Milk	Germany	Liter - 1.50 East Marks
Cream	Germany	Unk
Eggs	Poland	10 for 7 East Marks
Canned herring	USSR	12 East Marks per can
Sugar	USSR	4 East Marks per kg
Tea	USSR	50 gr - 4 East Marks
Wines	USSR	8-20 East Marks per liter
Cigarettes	USSR	2-3.50 East Marks per pkg of 25
Cakes, biscuits	Germany	Unk
Chocolate	Germany	6 East Marks per 100 gr
Chocolate	USSR	10 East Marks per 100 gr
Porcelain, dishes, glasses	Germany	Sets from 30-1000 East Marks
Apples	Germany	3 East Marks per kg
Lemons	USSR	8 East Marks per kg

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Origin</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Nuts	USSR & Germany	8 East Marks per kg
Jams and jellies	Germany	3 East Marks & up
Potatoes	Germany	0.50 East Mark per kg
Eau de cologne	Germany	Bottle: 5-40 East Marks
Perfume	USSR	Flask: from 30 East Marks up
Soap	USSR	3 East Marks a cake
Toothpaste	Germany	Unk
Toys	Germany	Unk
Office supplies, stationery	Germany	Unk
Pots, pans	Germany	Unk
Accordions, 120 bass	Germany	800-1200 East Marks
Radios	Germany	200-1000 East Marks
Rugs	Germany	1000 East Marks & up
Furniture	Germany	Unk
BMW 1-cycle motorcycle	Germany	2000-2500 East Marks
Bicycles	Germany	250 East Marks
Shoes, leather - men's and women's	Germany	100-150 East Marks
Underwear, men's & women's	Germany	Unk
Men's shirts	Germany	30-40 East Marks
Suitcases, leather bags, leather briefcases	Germany	150 East Marks & up
Men's and women's gloves	Germany	30 East Marks & up
Ladies' caracul fur coats	USSR	8000 East Marks
Ladies' rabbit fur coats	Germany	1200 East Marks
Curtains	Germany	25 East Marks per meter
Cloth for men's and women's suits and coats	Germany	Unk
Men's gabardine overcoats	Germany	250 East Marks
Men's and women's overcoats, wool cloth	Germany	250-300 East Marks

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Item	Origin	Cost
Men's suits, wool	Germany	250-350 East Marks
Officers' blouses		180-200 East Marks
Officers' trousers		100 East Marks
Officers' coats		250 East Marks
Russian books	USSR	Unk

8. The PX also had a photography section; a barbershop which charged one East Mark for a shave and 1.50 East Mark for a haircut; a buffet selling sandwiches and soft drinks. Soviet personnel were prohibited from entering any German stores. EM could enter the PX in Leipzig only in formation or with an officer escort. Officers could buy liquor in the HO (Handels-Organisation - German Department Stores). All other German places of business were off limits to Soviet troops. There were two German guards at the entrance to the PX who denied admittance to Germans. German black marketeers in the vicinity of the PX offered for sale merchandise which was very difficult to obtain, eg. velvet which was very much in demand among the Soviet women. The velvet came from West Germany and a five m cut sold for 700 East Marks. The cost of velvet in the USSR was three to five times higher. The black marketeers also sold good woolen cloth imported from West Germany which was of a much better quality than the wool sold in the PX. They charged 1200 East Marks for a three m cut of wool and 800 East Marks for a three m cut of gabardine material. They also sold satin crepe at a cost of 300 East Marks for a three m cut.

#### Pay System

- 25X1 9. [ ] paid once a month by Col (fnu) Sirvuk who drew the money from 25X1  
 25X1 GOFQ. No ceremony was involved. [ ] sign two payrolls, one for 25X1  
 25X1 the German money [ ] and one for the Soviet money which was not  
 paid but credited to [ ] account. [ ] 1500 East Marks monthly 25X1  
 in cash and had about 1100 rubles credited to [ ] account in the USSR. 25X1  
 The following amounts were deducted from [ ] each month: 25X1

#### (a) In East Marks

100 East Marks for quarters  
 150 East Marks for food  
 20 East Marks for subscriptions to Sovetskoye Slovo and  
Sovetskaya Armiya  
 270 East Marks total deduction from 1500 East Marks salary.

#### (b) In rubles

250 rubles for bonds  
 1% or 11 rubles for not having any children  
 1% or 11 rubles for dues to Profsoyuz  
 100 rubles income tax  
 10 rubles for newspapers from the USSR

382 rubles total. The remainder, about 700 rubles, was credited to [ ] account in the USSR.

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10. [ ] the following are pay scales of Soviet troops:

Pvts: 30 East Marks per month

NCOs: 75 East Marks per month and extra pay for duty assignments.

Lt Col Ryzhkov received 1500 rubles and 1600 East Marks monthly.

11. In September 1951 all pay in East Marks was cut by 25 per cent.  
The official reason given was that the prices in the Soviet Zone of  
Germany had decreased, but [ ]  
the real reason for the cut in East Marks was to ease up the reparation  
payments of the GDR due to the change from "Occupied Soviet Zone" to  
a free "German Democratic Republic".

12. [ ]

Enclosures: (A) Soviet Military Installation in Leipzig Area  
(B) Soviet Military Installations in Leipzig  
(C) Automobile Battalion of ISU #23  
(D) Technical Material Base of ISU #23  
(E) RMM & ISU #23

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Legend to Enclosure (A)

Soviet Military Installations in the Leipzig Area

A. Town of Taucha

B. Location of u/i Soviet Tank units near Taucha

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in this area several times with a truck delivering food to the area, which is described below. [redacted] 1500 armored and artillery troops were stationed there.

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1. Autobahn
2. Road to Taucha
3. Fields
4. Training area and football stadium
5. Garden road
6. Hq building
  - a. Office of the Commanding Officer (Col)
  - b. Hq offices
  - c. Main entrance
  - d. Guardhouse
  - e. Control check point
7. Three large several storied brick barrack buildings, exact capacity unknown.
8. Parking area for vehicles, tanks and guns
- C. Village of Paunsdorf
- D. Location of u/i Soviet Tank unit
- E. Location of flour depot for Soviet Army
- F. Underground factory for tank engines
- G. Town of Wurzen

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[redacted] the area shown as item F is well camouflaged and heavily guarded. About 500 Soviet soldiers (no Germans) are employed in this underground factory.

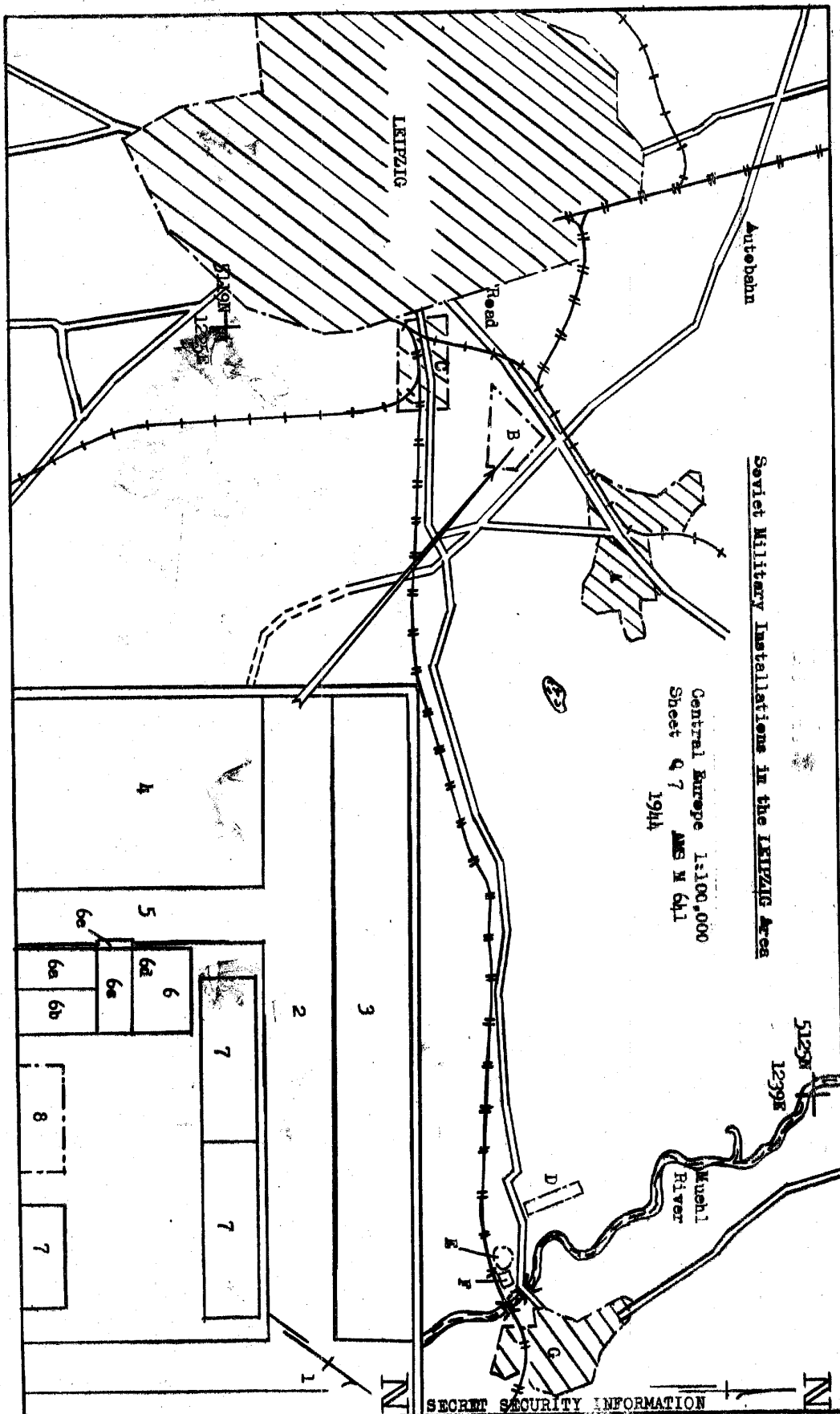
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ENCLOSURE (A)

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## Legend to Enclosure (B)

Soviet Military Installations in Leipzig

## Pinpointed on City Map of Leipzig

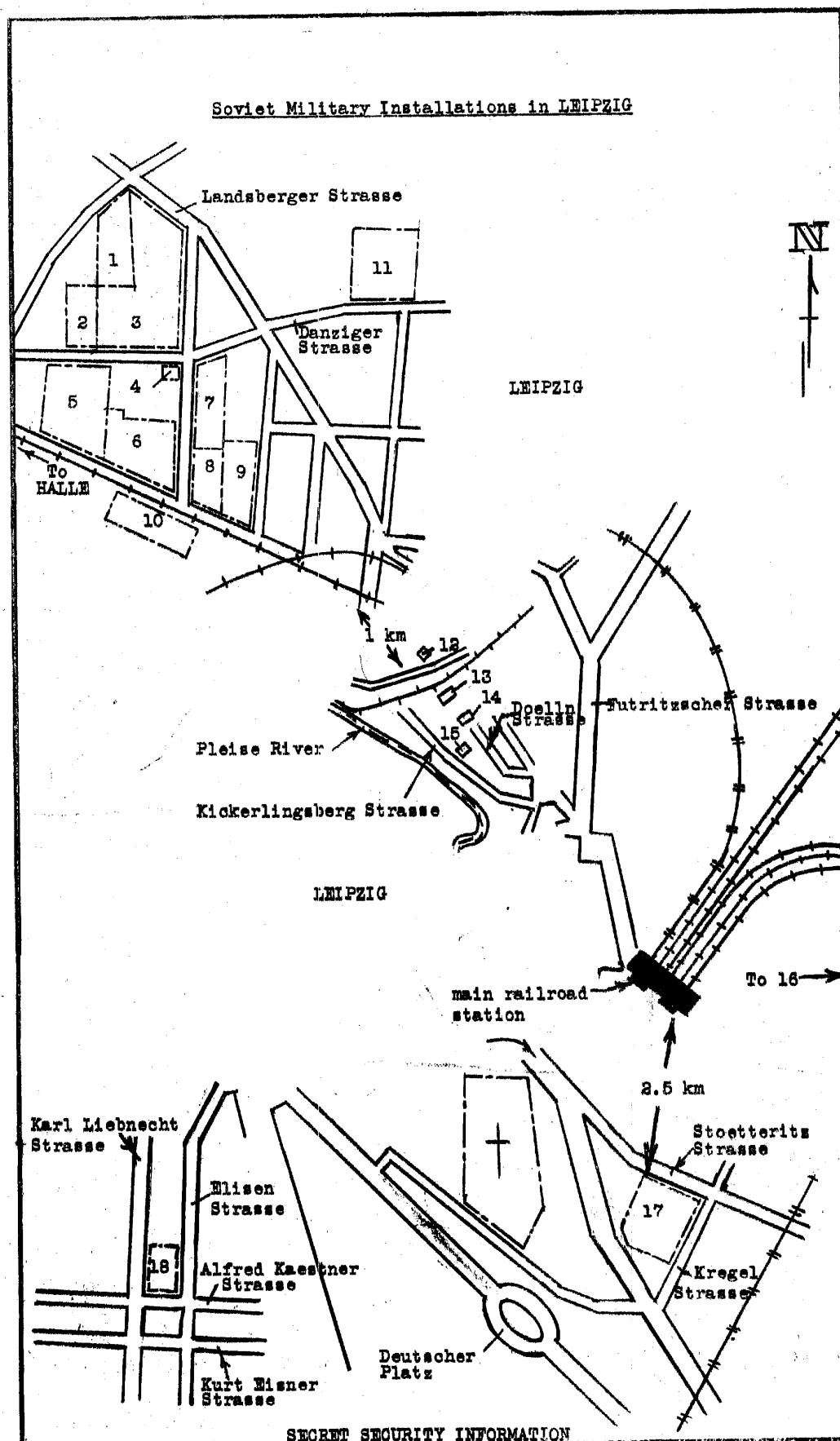
1. Location of Automobile Battalion of ISU #23, area 200x200x250 m (approximately) given in detail in Enclosure (C).
2. Soviet military hospital - given in detail in Enclosure (D).
3. Barracks complex occupied by People's Police.
4. Jail (Gaupthakhta), a three-story stucco building, where Soviet officers and EM were detained for disciplinary reasons.  25X1
5. Area of Technical Material Supply Base of ISU #23. Enclosure (E) gives a detailed layout of this area.
6. Area of the RMM and of ISU #23.
7. Three large and three small brick buildings, two-stories high, exact sizes unknown, which housed about 400 MVD troops (these troops had green shoulderboards  25X1
8.  the troops were members of that organization.
9. Billets for Soviet civilian females employed by ISU #23.
- 9-10. Barracks complex occupied by the People's Police.  25X1
11. Soviet Kommandatura for Leipzig. This area also contained Air Force engineer units working on the Leipzig airfield. Given in detail in Enclosure (G).
12. Two-story brick building, 25x18 m, used as a Soviet hotel and restaurant "Boehme". For Soviet civilians only.
13. Soviet Control Commission building, two-stories high, brick, 15x20 m. The club "Briket", a three-story brick building, 25x30 m, containing a movie, snack bar, clubrooms and lecture rooms, (for Soviet officers and civilians) was also in the area.
14. Two-story stucco building, 20x15 m, used as Marxism-Leninism University. A bookstore was located in the building.
15. Headquarters for all PXs of the GOFG units. A two-story brick building, 15x20 m.
16. Road to Taucha.
17. German concentration camp for young people.
18. German jail.

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ENCLOSURE (B)

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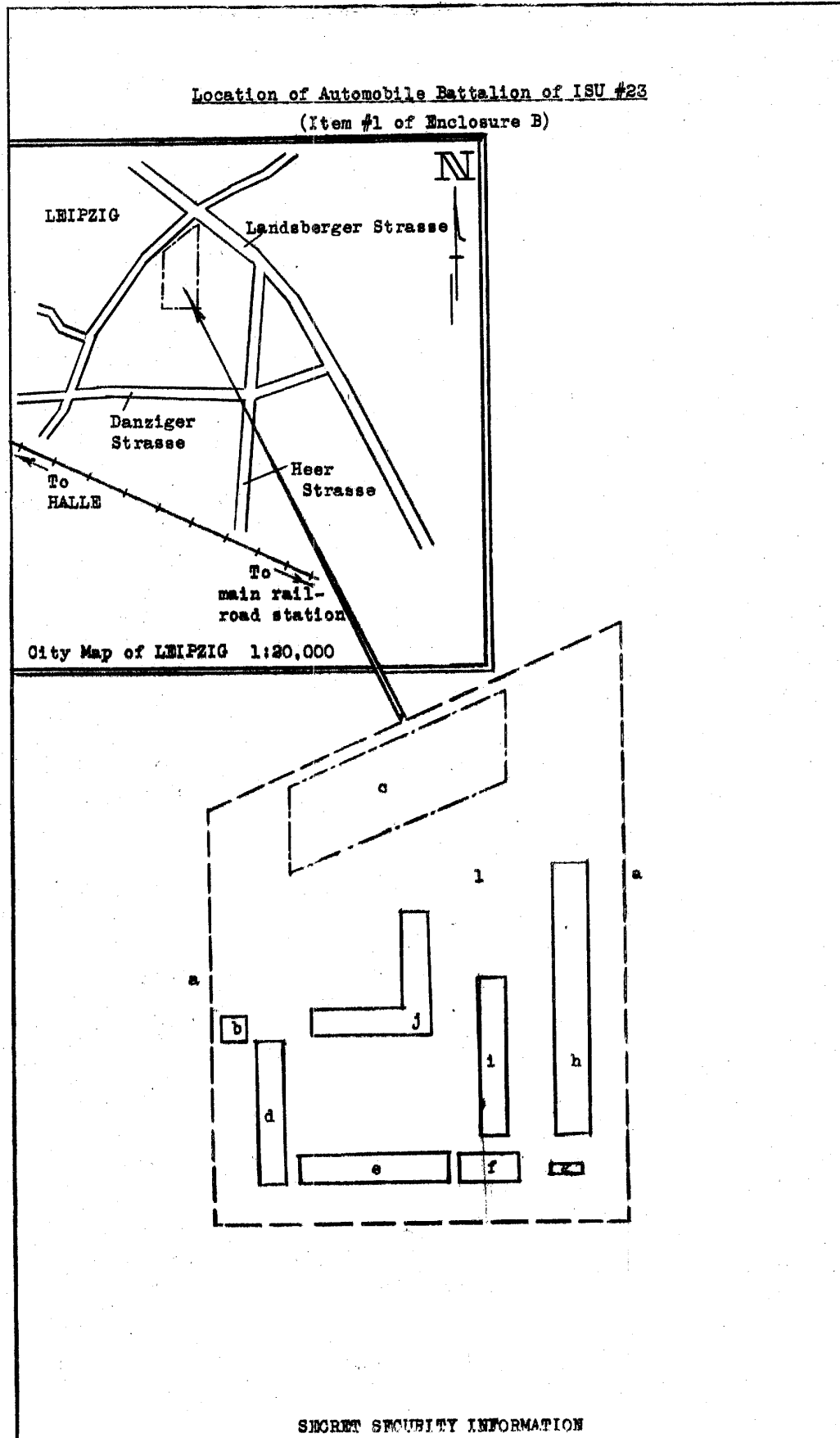


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ENCLOSURE (C)

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Legend to Enclosure (C) (Item #1 of Enclosure (B))

Location of Automobile Battalion of ISU #23

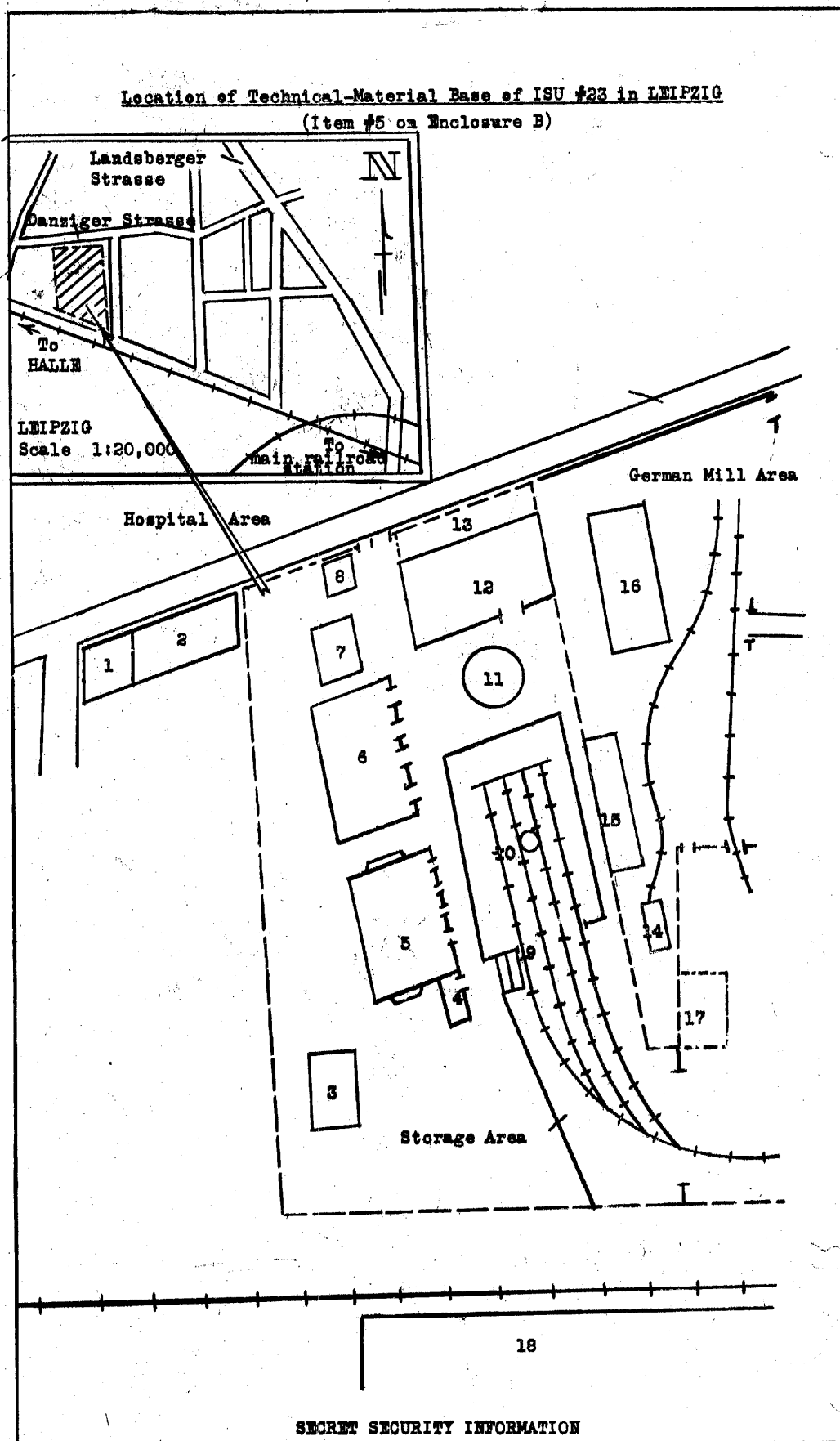
1. The Automobile Battalion occupied an area of approximately 200x200x200x250 m.
  - a. Iron fence, 1½ to 1 3/4 m high.
  - b. One-story brick building, 4x4 m, used as a guardhouse. One NCO and two EM on duty
  - c. Stadium for soccer and other athletic games, about 120x50 m.
  - d,e. One-story brick buildings, about 75x10 m, used as garages. No knowledge of capacity.
  - f. One-story stucco building, about 25x10 m, at present empty; was formerly occupied by Soviet troops.
  - g. One-story brick building, 15x4 m, storage for tools and spare parts.
  - h. One-story brick building, about 150x12 m, used as a garage for vehicles, cranes, ready machinery.
  - i. Two-story brick building, 80x10 m, at present empty; formerly occupied by Soviet troops.
  - j. White brick stucco, L shaped building, each wing about 60x10 m, used as a garage and workshop of the Automobile Battalion.

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ENCLOSURE (D)

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Legend to Enclosure (D) (Item #5 of Enclosure (B))

Location of Technical-Material Base of ISU #23 in Leipzig

1. Two-story brick building: German beer saloon on first floor - Private apartments on second floor.
2. Two-story brick building used for living quarters by Germans.
3. Wooden building housing toilets.
4. One-story brick building, 12x4 m, used for storage of paint, oil, POL.
5. Three-story high brick building, 40x12 m, used as a depot for storing EM clothing and equipment (QM items).
6. Three-story brick building, 35x10 m, used as a depot for storing compressors, lathes, machinery.
7. One-story brick building, used for supplementary storage of POL.
8. Wooden stucco guard-house, 4x2 m, manned by one unarmed German guard.
9. One-story brick railroad depot building, 100x20x15 m. Rails entered via indicated doors. Some machinery was stored here.
10. Universal planer (rabetter) used by the RMM.
11. Water well, 5 m in diameter - 1½ m deep.
12. Two-story brick building, 20x6 m. Office and living quarters for base employees - Kostyk and Soviet female civilians employed by ISU #23 lived there.
13. Hedgerow of trees.
14. One-story brick building, locomotive depot, 8x4 m. A locomotive used by a German mill was stored here.
15. German grain elevator, 80x10x20 m.
16. German grain elevator, 80x15x20 m.
17. Hedgerow of trees.
18. Three-story, brick, People's Police barrack, 300x400x20 m. Fence shown in sketch was 1½ m high.

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Legend to Enclosure (E) (Item #6 of Enclosure (B))

Location of RMM and ISU #23 in Leipzig

1. German vegetable gardens and railroad embankment.
  2. Two-story brick building, 30x30 m, used as an officer's and civilians' mess and club. Had facilities to feed 40 people. One room was reserved for junior officers and civilians and another for fieldgrade officers and VIP civilians.
  3. Three-story brick building, 70x10 m. The first floor consisted of an EM messhall for 120 EM of the Automobile Battalion, ISU #23. The second and third floors consisting of single rooms were used as an officers' hotel. There was, also, a dispensary on the third floor. A German food store (Handels' organisation) was also in this building.
  4. A wooden sentry box (one officer and two sergeants) used as a check point.
  5. Three-story brick Administration building of the Automobile Battalion (APO 41757), 60x12 m. 120 EM were billeted on the second and third floors.
  6. Two-story brick building, 5x15 m, used as a women's hotel. The Counter Intelligence Officer and his wife lived here.
  7. One-story brick building, 80x10 m, occupied by the RMM and containing machinery and lathes.
  8. One-story brick building, 80x10 m, housing a motor and electrical shop.
  9. Barber shop and a German food store (Handels Organisation).
  10. One-story brick building used as OD's office and guard-rooms for 15 EM on duty.
  11. Unoccupied one-story brick building. Formerly occupied by German food store (Handels' Organisation).
  12. One-story brick locksmith and blacksmith shop, 80x10 m. Annex 12a, one-story brick building 20x20 m.
  13. One-story brick building housing a garage for cranes, a metal construction shop, and a carpenter shop.
  14. Warehouse for the preservation of machinery.
  15. Garage for the Auto Bn which housed about 50 trucks and compressors, diesels, a mobile power station, lathes, stone crushers, pumps, cement mixers, fire engines, rollers and hammer machines.
  16. Warehouse for the preservation of machinery and ready-made bridges, parts, compressors and a motorboat.
- (NOTE: Items 14, 15 and 16 were all in one three-story brick building 100x15 m)
17. Cellar, 10x2½ m, for coke storage.
  18. One-story brick instrument shop, 8x6 m.
  19. German sentry box, manned by one unarmed guard.
  20. Two-story brick garage and material storage warehouse used by the RMM, 50x10 m. Seven tractors, trucks and tracked vehicles were stored on the first floor. POL, paints, cement, etc., were stored on the second floor.
  21. Three-story brick building, 50x8 m, used as offices by ISU #23 and RMM. This building also provided living quarters for five officers of the RMM.
    - (a) Gates leading to the RMM.
    - (b) Gates leading from the RMM to Kostyki base (see Enclosure (D)).
    - (c) Gates leading from the RMM into town and through a German mill.
    - (d) Railroad gates leading from the RMM into town and through a German mill.
    - (e) Blocked, wooden gate leading from the RMM to the headquarters.
    - (f) Blocked, small gate leading from the RMM to the headquarters.
    - (g) Blocked, small gate leading from the RMM to the headquarters.
    - (h) Window through which people climbed to illegally pass between the ISU #23 and the RMM.
  22. MVD troop barracks.

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ENCLOSURE (E)

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